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Clinics offer help

By BILL McBRIDE
Staff Writer

Members of the County of Los Angeles Department of Health Services held a presentation in Monarch Hall on Wednesday, April 21.

Various health issues were discussed in respect to testing and treatment at L.A. County Clinics.

The clinics, located throughout the city, provide everything from immunizations for children and adults to HIV testing.

Pregnancy verification and family planning are available at times during the week and by appointment. Testing for sexually transmitted diseases (STD's) is done on Wednesdays and Thursdays without an appointment but it does take a few hours.

"Eat before you come and bring a book," said Charlene Niemi, a public health nurse for LAVC.

A five dollar donation is asked for most services but the only other price is a little patience.

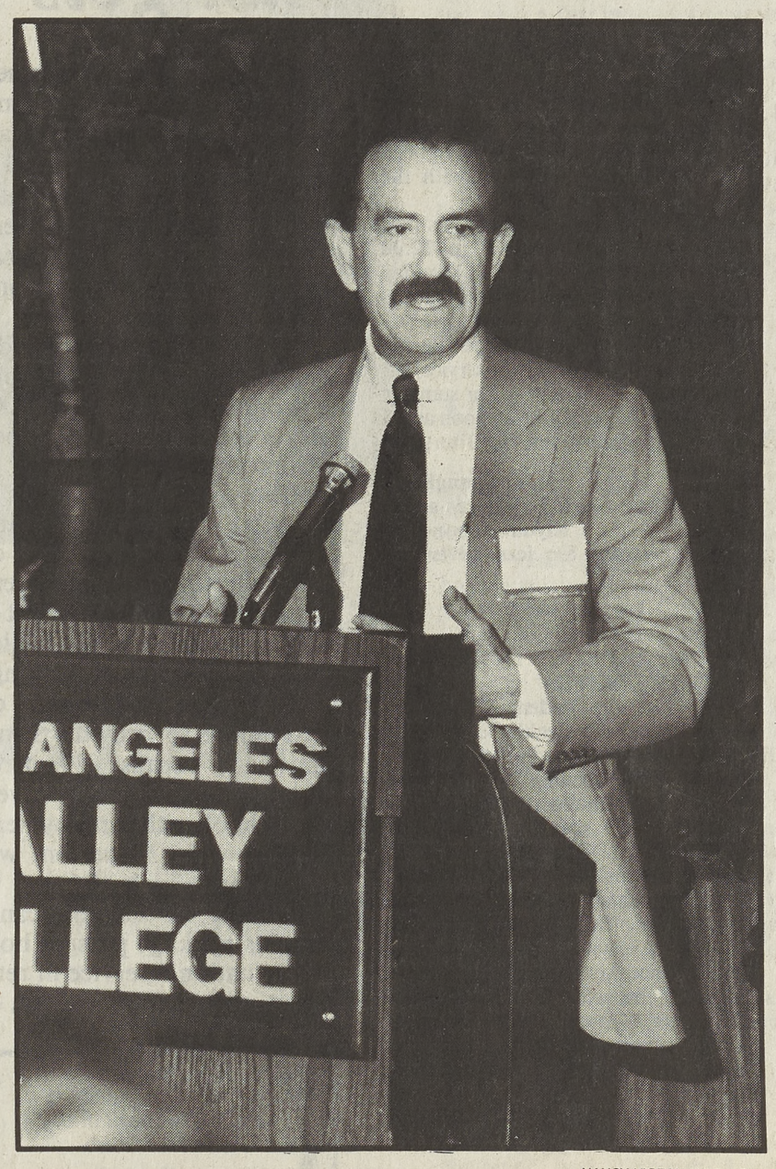
The presenters encouraged everyone to be tested for not only STD's, but HIV and tuberculosis as well. Tests are confidential and personal and as Helena Hwang, a clinical social worker, told the audience, "Many STD's are asymptomatic (and) all of this preventable."

No results are given over the phone for HIV and an appointment is usually given within two weeks.

The last issue that was discussed at the Health Center presentation was tobacco.

Ana Maria Branchesi, a public health nursing supervisor, told the audience about smoking cessation classes and added that "Tobacco kills 10,000 people in L.A. County each year," and "1,700 people from second-hand smoke."

The County of Los Angeles provides several clinic locations. The Van Nuys Health Center can be reached at (818) 901-3085.



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Jack Kyser of the Economic Development Corporation spoke on the California job market during the Advisory Committee recpetion Friday.

Advisors praised

By STEVEN KOSOY
Staff Writer

The faculty of Los Angeles Valley College took the opportunity to thank the community advisors at the Vocational/Occupational Recognition Advisory Committee Breakfast Friday morning in Monarch Hall.

Dr. Mary E. Lee, president of the college welcomed the guests of the event, and offered thanks to the community advisors for serving on the advisory committee. She also expressed her appreciation for their donations of time and educational equipment.

Chancellor of the Los Angeles Community College District, Donald G. Phelps complimented the faculty of LAVC by saying they are giving a "Yeoman's effort" to make it possible for students to become productive and successful members of society.

Phelps also spoke of the collaborative efforts between the community colleges and the business sector. He said the support the community colleges are receiving makes it possible for many students to return to school for necessary training.

"[The partnership] has nothing to do with charity," Wallace B. Knox, president of the Board of Trustees said, commenting on the unity between the community colleges and private business. "It is a true partnership."

The key speaker at the breakfast was Jack Kyser, chief economic director of the Economic Development Corporation, a non-profit organization dedicated to the retention and creation of jobs in the Los Angeles area.

Kyser spoke about the state of the economy and where it is heading, describing it as a time of "very significant, major change."

Although he mentioned the over 200,000 lost jobs since 1991, he predicted a modest recovery starting in 1994 with between 20 to 30,000 new jobs in the tri-valley area. He also pointed out, "some of our industries did very well during this economic episode."

Stating there is an upsurge in business formation in the state, he acknowledged as some of the major growth industries in California the apparel industry, engineering, environmental services industry, health services, mass transit and the motion picture and television fields.

"We've got to connect Sacremento with the rest of California," Kyser said, to make the government understand what is going on "in the real world."

There are a couple of rough years ahead, Kyser said, but posing the rhetorical question, "is there a future in the L.A. economy?", Kyser answered, "Yeah."

"It is commonplace to be cynical," Sam Mayo, dean of academic affairs said, recognizing the advisors and faculty. "What goes unsung is what we're witnessing today."

Mayo acknowledged the faculty, advisors and business people giving of their time because they realize that education will make a difference.

Mayo mentioned that the advisors would be receiving certificates of appreciation. Joking of their value, he said, "You can't buy these anywhere."

"There are problems," Mayo said, "but together with your efforts we will solve them."

Graduation set to go

By LUCY THOMAS
Staff Writer

Los Angeles Valley College's 44th annual Commencement Ceremonies will be held the evening of May 27, 1993, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the LAVC Football Stadium.

Dean of Student Services, Mary S. Spangler has been working for several months on all preparations necessary for the event.

"I started in February with all the preparations for graduation," Spangler said, "so that I would have plenty of time to avoid any crisis that might occur. I still will not know until after the ceremonies, if I succeeded."

Dr. Donald Phelps, chancellor of Los Angeles Community College District will be one of the platform speakers at the commencement. Erica Hauck, student trustee will represent the LAVC board of trustees and will make a statement as to the degrees to be presented that evening.

Student speakers were selected at tryouts on April 28 will also address the assembly. Those who have or will have completed their requirements for Fall '92 or Spring '93 graduation were eligible for the tryouts.

Dr. Mary E. Lee, president of LAVC will present the President's Distinguished Honor Award and all the Cum Laude awards to be given out that evening.

Jack Sterk, chairman of the speech and broadcasting department is in charge of the first post-commencement dinner and dance to be held at the Sportsman Lodge in Studio City following the ceremonies. Anyone wishing to attend the dinner, should contact Les Schneider at LAVC by May 14, to purchase tickets.

Everyone is invited to attend the graduation ceremonies.

Fashion statement:

LAVC designers display wears

By EVA R. YELLOZ
Staff Writer

Who said Los Angeles Valley College does not have class?

On Friday, April 30 Monarch Hall will be converted to a Paris fashion runway. Members of Design Associates will model their entries and winning numbers from the California Community Colleges Fashion Symposium held last Saturday along with their completed class projects.

Doris Davis, associate professor of Family and Consumer Studies, who heads the show at LAVC and is on the advisory board of the symposium, gives her students an opportunity to show off their designs and "wears."

Davis said Design Associates, which is an extracurricular club that meets every other Wednesday, planned the spring fashion show entitled "Putting on the Ritz."

Student fashion and interior designers, seamstresses, drapers and graphic illustrators will come together on Friday and present their collective talents and show their semesters' work. Admission is free and a luncheon will be served for $3.50 per person.

An interior design undergraduate award for 93'-94' will be awarded to Patricia Artigas. She will receive $500. Artigas will receive her Certificate in Interior Design at the end of the semester and will continue her education at CSUN next fall.

The show will include two complete lines: the Toney Saunders Collection by Phyllis Toney and the Marsha Ware Collection.

Some designers will be modeling their own creations while others will have student models do the job. The John Robert Powers Agency of Sherman Oaks donated their professional assistance and models to help with the Design Associates presentation.

This year, LAVC entered five garments into the California Fashion Symposium, which is a statewide competition and includes entries from 25 community colleges.

Out of 300 submitted pieces, only 60 are used in the fashion show, held every spring at the California Mart. Two LAVC student designers won second place awards of $100 each. Diane Gonzales won in the category of Special Occasion Women's Wear and Bret Smith won in the category of Career Dressing.

Gonzales' award-winning entry, which will be shown at Friday's fashion show, is a two piece hot-pants suit.

The tailor-fitted jacket is made of black wool and has set-in sleeves, a notched collar and is embellished with a fauz leopard print collar, cuffs and front panels. The hot pants are form-fitted and are fashioned from the faux leopard fabric as well.

Gonzalez said, "The faux animal print fabric came and went too fast. I experimented and wanted to see what would happen."

Gonzalez did not think she would win because she used a motif that was not necessarily current. She did win, however, and is also the winner of the 1993 Tess Marckie Clothing Award which will be presented to her at the show.

Smith's entry was a man's collarless two-piece teal wool suit and a delicate paisley-print shirt in burgundy with teal accent. The suit is fully lined in silk, has diamond-shaped covered buttons, welt pockets and is cut like a vest with pointed front and back panels.

The suit jacket does not have button holes but uses piping loops in the same wool fabric for fastening. Smith's diamond design is repeated throughout the garment.

"Bret's suit is unique," said Davis, "in that it is masculine and feminine. It can be unisex or androgynous."

Smith said he would like to see neck ties burned but is doubtful that they will disappear from everyday wear.

Friday's "Putting On The Ritz" will feature door prizes and LAVC home-grown entertainment from Klyda Mahoney's dance class and designer Marsha Ware's seven year old son Thomas stepping it up with a Michael Jackson dance solo.

ICC adopts school

By HARRIET STEINBERG
Staff Writer

The InterClub Council has just completed their plans to adopt an elementary school.

"The Senate of the Associated Student Union is in charge of this new program," Ben Padua, vice-president of ASU said. "Victory Blvd. Elementary School has been the first school selected for adoption," he added.

Padua said that the purpose of the Adoption Program is to collect supplies such as papers, pencils, erasers and crayons from the students of Los Angeles Valley College.

"Next week containers will be set up at the Bookstore, Library and Fitness Center for students to donate these much needed materials," Padua said. He hopes that the supplies will be relatively new.

Adopting a school is not the only program ICC has organized. "Last semester and this one," Padua said, "we collected food, clothing and toys for the homeless and needy."

Padua stated that these drives have been publicized in the "Valley Star." The ASU Senate has also posted flyers about it.

Padua would like to adopt another school next fall and will suggest his idea to the new ICC president.

There has been a good response for the needy and homeless, said Padua, so he hopes that when the Adopt a School Drive starts next week, it will be just as successful.

If students have any ideas to help make this drive better, Padua would like to be contacted at the ASU office in Monarch Hall.

NEWS BRIEFS

Dean's Tea: The reception honoring students of the Dean's List will be held Wednesday, May 5 at 2 p.m. in Monarch Hall.

Scholarship: The Patrons Association and the Family Charity Fund is offering a scholarship of $400. To qualify you must be currently enrolled at LAVC and must be employed at least 20 hours per week. Call ext. 424 for more information.

Scholarships: The Friedman Scholarships are available to students who have completed 24 units by the end of the Spring semester, are making progress towards a degree and are involved in -Hillel or in the greater Jewish community. Applications are due on May 10. For information contact Hillel at (818) 887-5901.

Cinco de Mayo: MEChA presents a Cinco de Mayo celebration on Friday, May 7 from 6:30 - 11 p.m. in Monarch Hall.

LACCD Picnic: All LACCD employees are invited for a picnic in Griffith Park on Sunday, May 2 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Call Ned Doffoney at LA City College, ext. 207 or Rosalind Goddard in the Chancellor's Office, ext. 2183.

Softball Challange: The first annual ASU Softball Challange will take place on Friday, May 14 at noon. Cash prices will be awarded to first and second place teams. For more information contact the ASU office, CC 102.

Video Contest: The Christophers invites all students to enter their video contest. The theme is, "One person can make a difference." Entries are due by June 11. Cash prizes will be awarded. For more information and an entry form call (212) 759-4050.

Health Center: Regular Health Center hours of 8:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. and 5 - 7 p.m., Monday - Thursdays are set to resume May 10.

Astronomy Lecture: The LAVC Planetarium is holding a lecture on Sunday, May 9 on the Mars Observer. The lecture starts at 7:30 p.m. and is free and open to the public. Guest speaker Bob Brooks from the Jet Propulsion Laboratory will describe what the spacecraft will accomplish. His talk will be illustrated with slides and a video. Call ext. 335 for more information.

Christian Fellowship: The Campus Christian Fellowship is presenting "Building Blocks for Better Life," a series of lectures on Wednesdays at 1 p.m. in Physics 104. For information call George Heath at (818) 894-7397.

Science Lectures: The Earth Science Department is holding a spring lecture series in celebration of its 39th semester. The last of the series is on Tuesday May 11 in Math Science 113 at noon.

Bikers patrol

By SARY FORNARIS
Staff Writer

A bicycle donation allows Los Angeles Valley College police to go from weekends to everyday bike-riding patrolling.

According to officer Spencer Gosenson, of the Campus Police, a *Mongoose* all terrain bicycle that was donated last month has been more than welcomed by the department, which, since last summer has been trying to get the equipment for daily patrolling on campus.

Gosenson said the bicycle is "ideal for the college." It goes to the areas covered by the electric cars and more, and it is faster. For special events when there are a lot of people, it is easier to get by. They are also an asset to outrun the teenagers from the neighboring high school. Some of then like to hang around the parking lots at LAVC, he explained.

Gosenson said riding is not only healthier, but it is also good for the relationship between the campus community and the police. "We are less threatening. People see us and can talk to us immediately."

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Officer Spencer Gosenson and Intern Charles Kapahu patrol at LAVC.

A man who walks his dog daily on campus donated the bicycle. The donor prefers to remain anonymous, Gosenson said.

This is the only bike that the LAVC police department owns. However, the officers and police interns have also been using their own equipment specially during the weekends.

The pedaling officers wear midnight-blue summer shorts and polo shirt. On very hot days and on special events they can wear white polo shirts. A matching cycling helmet completes the official look.

The campus police paid for the paint and tune up jobs of the bike. It now sports the colors and the logo of the LAVC police. Just like when they are in their patrol cars, the bicycle officers keep in touch with their office by radio. In this case they use a smaller portable version of their walkie-talkies.

Letters to the Editor

LAVC administration makes corrections to the *Star*

Dear Editor:

We read your editorial about the LAVC Student Health Center in last week's edition, and were concerned to see several inaccuracies that should be corrected.

Our health services center opened its doors on schedule on Jan. 19, the first day of classes for the spring semester, not a month later as you reported.

The center has reduced its services for the last few weeks because the provider and the District reached an impasse regarding an indemnification clause in the contract.

The District's legal office had added the clause after LAVC and the provider had agreed to terms. The center closed for all services for one week at spring break as originally advertised.

Klyda Mahoney, the LAVC Health Advisor, has been available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays and noon to 2 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays for health referrals, phone calls, and general questions.

These services have been available since we returned from spring break on April 5. We are scheduled to return to full service on May 10 because of the necessity of having a signed contract with a different medical provider and the time required by the District for that to occur.

Because of these contract complications and also because of District-imposed reductions in budget, of the 87 class days in this semester, the center will be opened a total of 78 days, not 40 as you reported. Since March 26 the center no longer opens on Fridays.

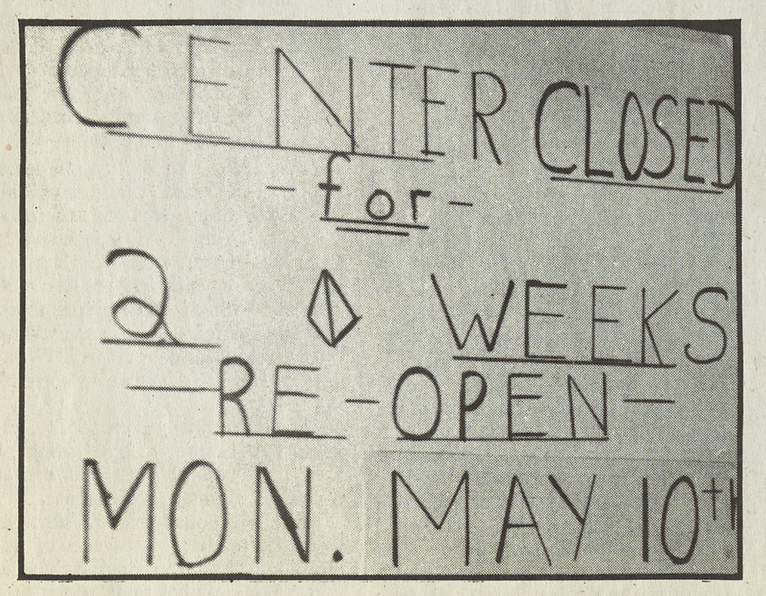
Between Jan. 19 and March 26 the center handled 411 cases. In March alone 207 cases were treated. The illnesses most frequently treated include sore throats and colds and urinary tract infections.

The great majority of students who have used the center have been very positive and pleased with the medical services received.

When the center reopens, its new hours will be 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m., Monday through Thursday. These hours reflect the times of heaviest use.

The center will remain open during final exam. The last day of service will be May 27. It will reopen for summer session on July 6, 9 a.m. to noon and 5 to 7 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

Mary Spangler,
Dean, Student Services and
Klyda Mahoney,
Health Services Advisor.



EDITOR'S NOTE:
Although the Student Services office considers the Health Center to be officially open from April 5 until the prospective reopening date of May 10, the fact remains that the door is locked, and a sign with the words "CLOSED UNTIL MAY 10" is posted in front.

Students may *not* receive medical care in the office during this period. No health provider has been employed since April 5 and any referrals made by the office to other facilities have been to public health clinics or low-cost private facilities. Any expense incurred is paid by the student.

EDITORIAL

Clinton's economic stimulus plan gets stuck on Capitol Hill

President Clinton rammed head first into the United States Senate Republicans last week and came away with dirt on his pants.

His economic stimulus package was held up by a Republican filibuster that forced the President and the Democrats to slice the original program to $4 billion down from $16 billion.

The $4 billion will extend unemployment benefits, but the summer job programs that he promised would create 700,000 temporary jobs in urban areas was wiped away.

Clinton has to learn how to schmooze the opposing party if he intends to get any of his proposed packages signed into law. Reagan did and got reelected. Bush did not and now he is collecting unemployment checks.

His failure to pass his first proposal will effect Los Angeles Valley College students two fold. First, students looking for work this summer cannot depend on the federal government to provide them a job. This is significant because 70 percent of college freshman who attend two-year schools combine school with employment. This is compared to only 33 percent who attend four-year schools.

Secondly, if Clinton can not get a job stimulus package passed, how is he going to get the national service in return for a higher education program passed, especially when he has devoted so much time to national health care reform?

In the long run this package is more significant because it will allow those who are turned away from college because of financial restraints be afforded an opportunity to do so.

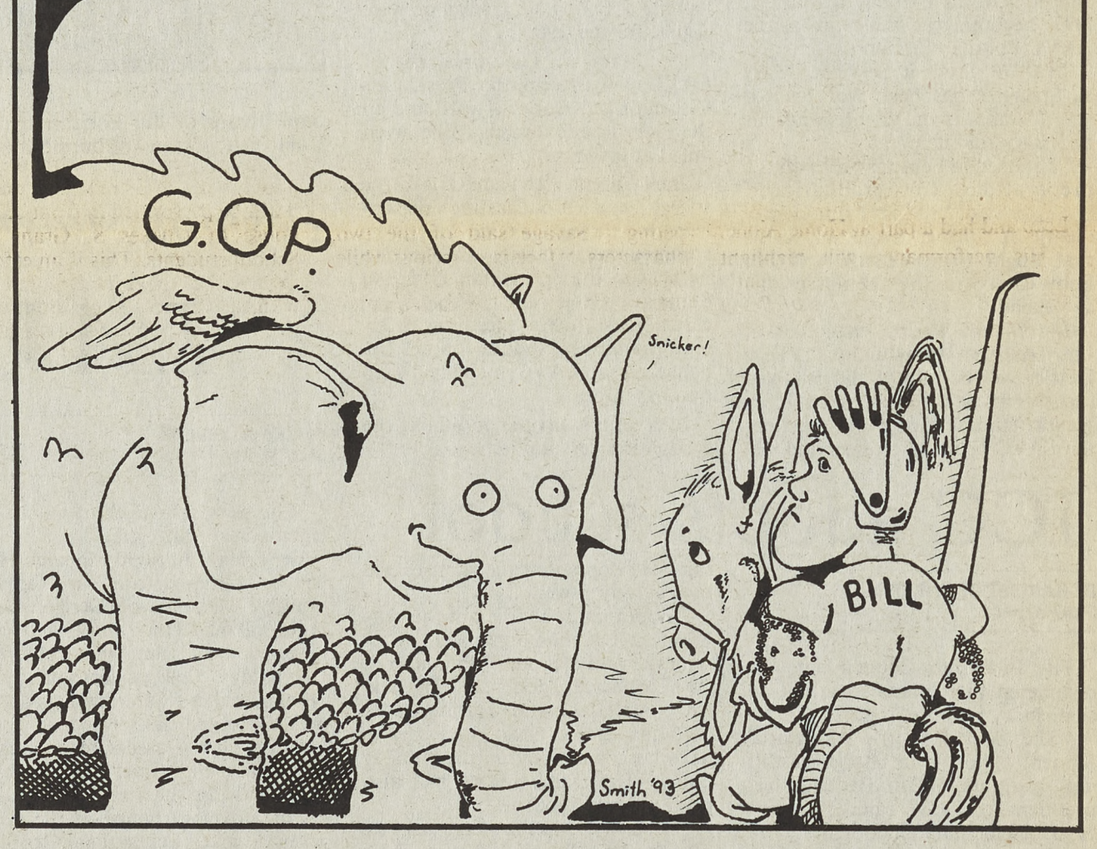
Of the 860,000 high school graduates who did not enroll in college in 1991, 25 percent were unemployed. Clinton's plan could help put these youths into college and off of the streets.

But this program is getting lost on Capitol Hill where Clinton can not decide which of his campaign promises he wants to fulfill or how to go about getting them passed.

House of Representative, Anthony Beilenson of the 24th District in California said the program is on the back burner.

"This is a program the President cares greatly about personally," Beilenson said. "But I can't see it being brought up before next year."

After his first 100 days in office, Clinton has failed to learn the ways of Washington. He has a clear idea on what direction he wants to steer this country but he has not yet figured out how to start the ignition. With millions of Americans looking for him to provide them with jobs or an opportunity to attend college, Clinton will have to become a quick study if he does not want to let them down. If he fails to do so, he will join his predecessor in the line of one-term wonders.



People from many nations contribute to funds reduction

Dear Editor

Being of Mexican/Indian heritage, Lucy Thomas's article (regarding the raising of college fees) concerned us. Obviously, this would pose a problem for those of us hoping to continue our education.

The purpose of a "community" college is to offer low-cost education to those who could not afford it otherwise. Reading further, we became insulted by insinuations that so called "hispanics" are to blame for draining government funds, thus creating the need to raise college fees.

Are you aware that there are people from many different nations contributing to this problem? This includes Europeans.

Many Mexicans don't even receive federal aid. Instead they break their backs for minimum wage or less. You failed to mention all the contributions we have made to society, including all the vegetables our worn hands put on your dinner table.

Many cities, including Los Angeles, were built by the sweat of my proud, yet humble people.

Our parents came from Mexico looking to give to their children the opportunites which they never had and made sacrifices so that those children could get an education and lead a "better" life. So, who is to say it was not their right?

Let's get the story straight.

After invading a place where they were neither wanted or needed, the government's imposed system could never begin to replace what we have been so brutally stripped of.

We do not have all the answers, but there are alternatives to raising college fees. Let's bring an end to blaming others for the problems we have created for ourselves. Let's replace ignorance with education, fear with hope, and learn to treat our brothers and sisters with respect and dignity.

Brown-N-Proud,
Mikaela Morrison and
Gypsie Vazquez
Sociology Majors.

Student trusts ASU, administration to make food vouchers reality

Dear Editor

On behalf of those who signed the petition requesting humanitarian aid for needy students in the form of food-vouchers, we want to thank the *Star* for their support.

Additional signatures were missing due only to lack of space.

Under the leadership of Editor-in-Chief, Nancy Vigran, the *Star* again distinguishes itself. It was the first in printing the information that told the needy who cannot afford prescription medicine how they can obtain it free.

This information was quickly taken up by social organizations and Senior Centers. Thousands of copies were printed and distributed. This includes our own Student Health Center, which has alerted other campuses.

Students who go hungry will lose their energy and then their health. It is a fact that many will drop out of college for this reason.

Once again the *Star* has responded quickly and printed the news of this deplorable condition on our campus. It seems certain that the response by the the student body, will alert other campuses and the trustees of this condition.

We have to ask ourselves this: If the *Star* is such a great help, if it is doing everything in a superior way, why is it falling behind? It should never have had to go from six pages to four. This can't be right!

No one will welcome more a program for food aid to needy students than Captain Carl Traber of our Campus Police. His wish a thousand times over, is to be of help tothe students.

We have confidence that the ASU under the guidance of President Jesse Hernandez and the coordination of Mary Spangler, Dean of Students will go forward in making this urgent help a reality.

Bill Fury
Fitness Center

ASU pay-to-vote deemed unfair

By DEREK ANEY
Staff Writer

Have you voted for your Associated Student Union representatives lately? If you neglected to pay the poll tax you certainly haven't! That's right, here at LAVC in order to vote for your representatives you have to pay a $7 fee.

An ironic and self-serving twist in the ASU constitution says that only ASU members may vote for ASU officials. Hmmm... let's see here, student union members are voting themselves into office. Election ballots show that only one office out of 14 was contested. That sounds like a tough forum to compete in. This is no surprise considering that in order to run for office, a student must first join the ASU.

All of this would be fine if they were just another club on campus. However, the ASU participates in shared governance. In this forum, members of the ASU represent the entire student body of LAVC and influence decisions made by the administration. If every student is represented by the ASU, then every student has the right to vote for who the representatives will be.

It is necessary that the ASU be held accountable for their actions, or inactions, and serve the student body interactively. This does not mean sitting in their personal offices and waiting for the next meeting. It means getting out and feeling the pulse of the students on campus, or resigning from office. If the studnts of LAVC are not satisfied wth their elected representatives, they must have the opportunity to change leadership.

The way to change this policy is to make an amendment to the ASU constitution. But, you guessed it, only ASU members can vote to make amendments to the constitution. If the ASU is not willing to take the initiative, the administration must take the responsibility for changing this policy. Students at LAVC have a right to fair and equal representation without having to pay for it.

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AARON J. COHEN / Valley Star

Jack Worthing (Shayne Anderson) finds out from Lady Bracknell (William Irwin) that he is the *real* Earnest in the play *The Importance of Being Earnest.* The play opens on May 6 at 8 p.m. and runs through the 15. The play shows on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays for the next two weeks.

Wilde players perform

By ANDREW SAMUELSON
Staff Writer

Complete with a wig and pads that inflated his breasts and buttocks, William Irwin strolled out of the dressing room transformed into Lady Bracknell the lead character in Los Angeles Valley College's rendition of Oscar Wilde's comedy play, *The Importance of Being Earnest.*

"I'll have to shave this before the opening," the venerable character actor said pointing to his renowned mustache. "I know a make-up man who will put a fake one on for me."

Irwin has appeared in numerous plays and television shows including Seinfield, Hart to Hart and Quantum Leap and had a part in Home Alone.

His performance will highlight the LAVC's theater department's revival of *The Importance of Being Earnest* which will debut at the Horseshoe Theater on May 6.

"This is, without contradiction, the most cleverly written play ever written," Irwin said. "That even includes Shakespeare."

The play was first produced on February 14, 1895 in London. Two weeks later it appeared in New York. It is said by many critics to be Wilde's greatest work, which includes the novel, *The Picture of Dorian Gray* and the one act play, *Salome.*

Richard Ellemen, Wilde's biographer, noted that theater critic Max Beerbohm exclaimed after first seeing the play, "What an opening! You are instantly held— and prepared!" It is set amongst the upper class of the Victorian era. The main characters of the play are Jack Worthing (played by Shayne Anderson) and Algernon (played by Michael Savage). The two compete for everything, and they provide a playful banter which will get them entangled in love affairs and in a dual about who indeed is the real Earnest. "We are always competing," Savage said of the two characters. "Jack is so serious while Algernon is playful and they are always trying to one up each other."

Jack's love is Gwendolen (played by Jessica Miller), Algernon's cousin and Lady Bracknel's daughter. Algernon's love is Cecilly (played by Melissa Wright), who is Jack's ward. The key player in this entanglement is Lady Bracknell, whose decision if Jack marries Gwendolen is hers. She also provides financial assistance to Algernon, and must consent before he can marry Cecilly.

The cast and its director, Kathyrn Milton, have been rehearsing since March 1 two hours a day and five days a week. The comedy comes from the rhythm in the dialogue which Milton said still needs to be fine tuned before the premiere on May 6.

Irwin, meanwhile, just joined the production last week and has had to put in extra time in learning his lines. But he said it has been enjoyable.

"These kids' energy has been contagious. I am trying to absorb as much of their youth as possible," Iwrin said.

The play opens on May 6 to the public but a dress rehearsal on May 5 will be performed in front of a full house of Ulysses S. Grant High School students. This is an effort to involve the surrounding community with the theater, Joe Milton, whose in charge of public relations for the theater department, said.

The play has six dates May 6, 7, 8 and 13, 14, 15. Student and senior citizen tickets will cost $4 and general admission will be $6. On Thursday May 6 and the following week, two tickets will be given for the price of one.

Classic comedy makes a comeback

By LUCY THOMAS
Staff Writer

If you wanna buy a duck, or find out who's on first, what's on second and what a fine mess you've gotten into, then be at the Little Theater in the Theater Arts building on Los Angeles Valley College campus on Saturday, May 1.

The Valley Collegiate Players (VCP), an honorary service of the Theater and Cinema Arts Department, will sponsor a comedy teams film festival featuring classic shorts. The three hour program will run at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Actual films, not videos, will be shown on the big screen of the Little Theater. The classic shorts, which are between 15 and 40 minutes, or referred to in the business as one and two reelers will be Laurel and Hardy, Abbott and Costello, The Marx Brothers, The Keystone Cops, and The Little Rascals.

Academy Award winning shorts such as Laurel and Hardy's "The Music Box" and many other Hollywood spoofs will be shown.

General admission is $3. The price for seniors and students with indentification is $2 and children under six $1. Reservations are not necessary and seating will be on a first come - first served basis. Refreshments will be on sale during intermission and there will be some additional surprises.

The money collected will be used by VCP Annual Scholarships and Awards Banquet Fund. The date is to be announced at a later time

Professor Joseph A. Daccurso, chairman of theater and cinema arts, and faculty advisor for VCP, is one of the people in charge of the event.

VCP Second Vice-President Roger Valdez is coordinating the event. He is being assisted by Huston Huddleston, First Vice-President and Associated Students Union Fine Arts Commissioner Andrew Grim, VCP Secretary Tammi Campbell, Treasurer Mark Flores, VCP President Aaron Freedkin.

Join Spanky and Alfalfa and the rest of the gang. For more information call ext. 353.

'Moondance' waltzes in

By MILES GRANDFIELD
Staff Writer

The Valley College theater department continues its series of one-act plays tomorrow with "Moondance Cafe," a study in contrasts between how fun and fulfilling some relationships can be, and how rotten.

The setting is a New York cafe where two couples have come for opposite reasons. One is breaking up. The other is charting a future of harmony and bliss.

The two couples do not interact, but rather carry on private conversations on a wide range of subjects. Just as the audience hears one couple's approach to a topic, the focus switches to the other pair for the opposite outlook.

"It's an innovative play," said director Richard Goteri, in describing "Moondance Cafe." "It is about how relationships have to move forward to be successful."

The four characters are played by Todd Forney, Vince Garma, Leah Henteleff and Deborah Lande. There will be two performances in the Shoebox Theater on Friday at 1 p.m. and 8 p.m., and one performance at 7 p.m. on Saturday. Admission is free.

The latest offering, a satirical commentary on Victorian sexual morals drawn from scripture, is a perfect example. "Bible," a modern work by Don Nigro, depicts a mother (Deborah Lande) giving a well-intentioned Bible lesson to her young children (Leah Henteleff, and Richard Cisneros) at the park.

Unwittingly, she flips to a section of the Book of Genesis filled with people "coming into" each other's tents, intra-family trysts and general debauchery. The suggestive narration leads the three into drunkenness and quasi-incestuousness by the play's end.

As usual, the direction (Jeffrey Croot) and acting were competent and professional. The series will continue through the end of the semester. Check future listings in the *Star* or call the theater department (ext. 352) for more information.

Campus concerts:

The following is a list of on-campus events:

Sunday, May 2: The LAVC Philharmonic Choir will give a concert conducted by George Attarian, at 7 p.m. at the Little Theater. There will be discounts for students and seniors.

Thursday, May 6: LAVC College Choir and Chamber Singers will perform a concert with George Attarian and Dianne Wintrob as conductors in the Musical Recital Hall, at 11 a.m.

Sunday, May 9: LAVC Classical Guitar Ensemble and Orchestra concert directed by Robert Mayeur, in the Musical Recital Hall at 7 p.m. Admision $5.

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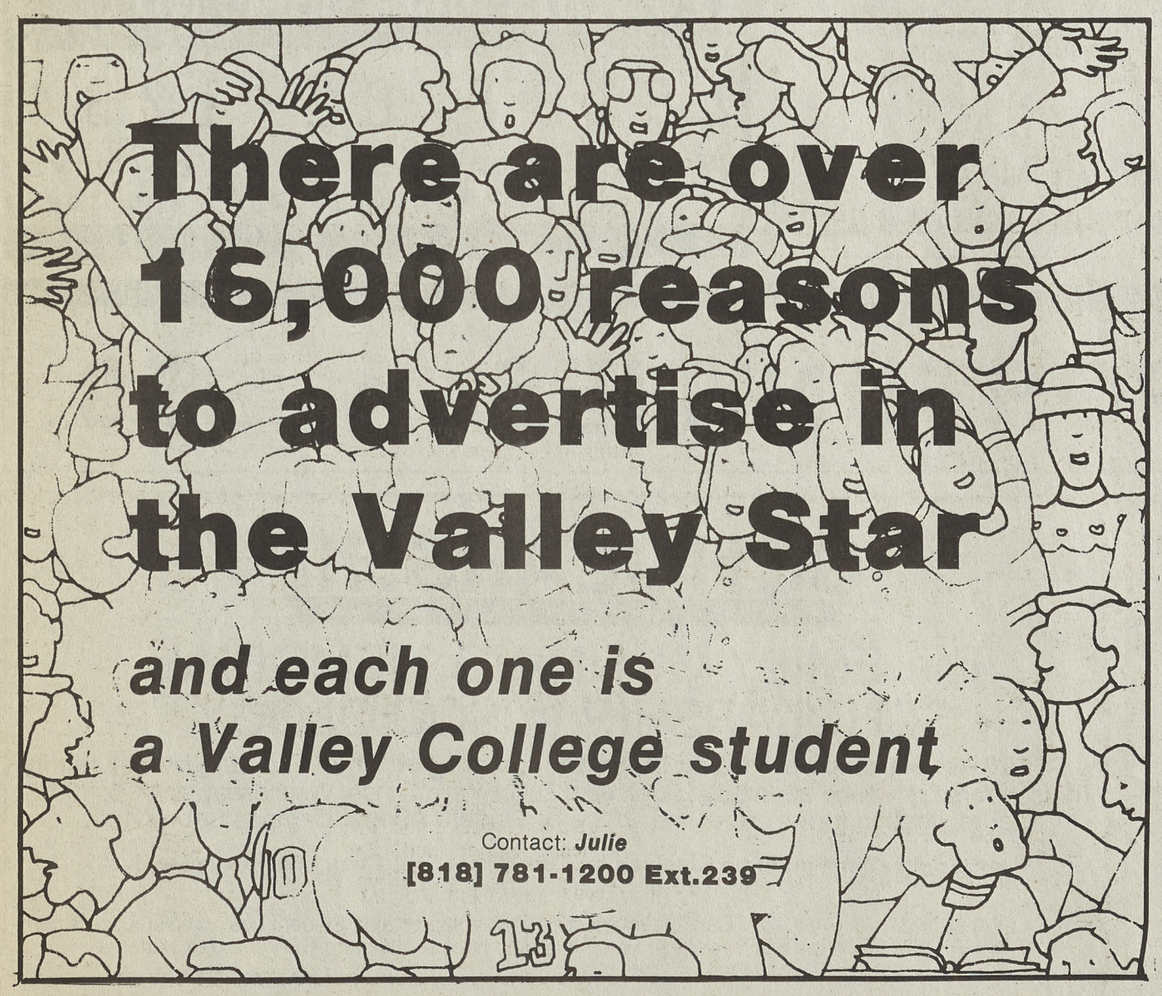

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Pitching mechanics keeps Monarchs in second place

By ANDREW SAMUELSON
Staff Writer

At the beginning of the baseball season, the Monarch's offense kept them near the top of the Western States Conference with a scoring production that the men's basketball team could have used in their last campaign.

But as the season has progressed to its final week, it has been the pitching and defense of this club that has put them in second place in conference play.

It was not ironic then, that Tuesday's game was won when the number nine batter in the line-up, short stop Carlos Olmos, drove in the winning run against Bakersfield in the bottom of the ninth inning to complete a 6-5 victory that improved the Monarchs' record to 18-8.

"We're not swinging the bat well right now," Coach Chris Johnson said. "But the pitching and defense are settling down just in the knick of time."

While the team has not scored 10 or 12 runs in the last few games, they still have been crossing the plate enough times to win. Johnson said he is not worried about the hitting, adding that it will "start coming around."

With four games remaining, Valley is ahead of third place Pierce by one game. The two teams will play on Saturday at Valley in a game that could decide second place and an automatic bid to the Southern California Regional playoffs.

A key point in Tuesday's game came in the top of the sixth inning with the score tied at 5-5 when Bakersfield had the bases loaded with two outs. Pitcher Juan Velasquez came in and forced their clean-up hitter, John Valenti, to hit a line shot back to the mound that ended the threat and kept the Monarchs in the game.

Velasquez pitched the final three innings to get the win for Valley. After a couple forgetful starts, Velasquez has pitched strong in relief, getting the win on Tuesday and in last week's game against Oxnard.

"I have been working on my mechanics to improve my pitching and that's helped me gain confidence," Velasquez said. "I knew if I threw strikes today, we were going to win."

Velasquez's work on the mound set up Olmos' heroics in the bottom of the ninth.

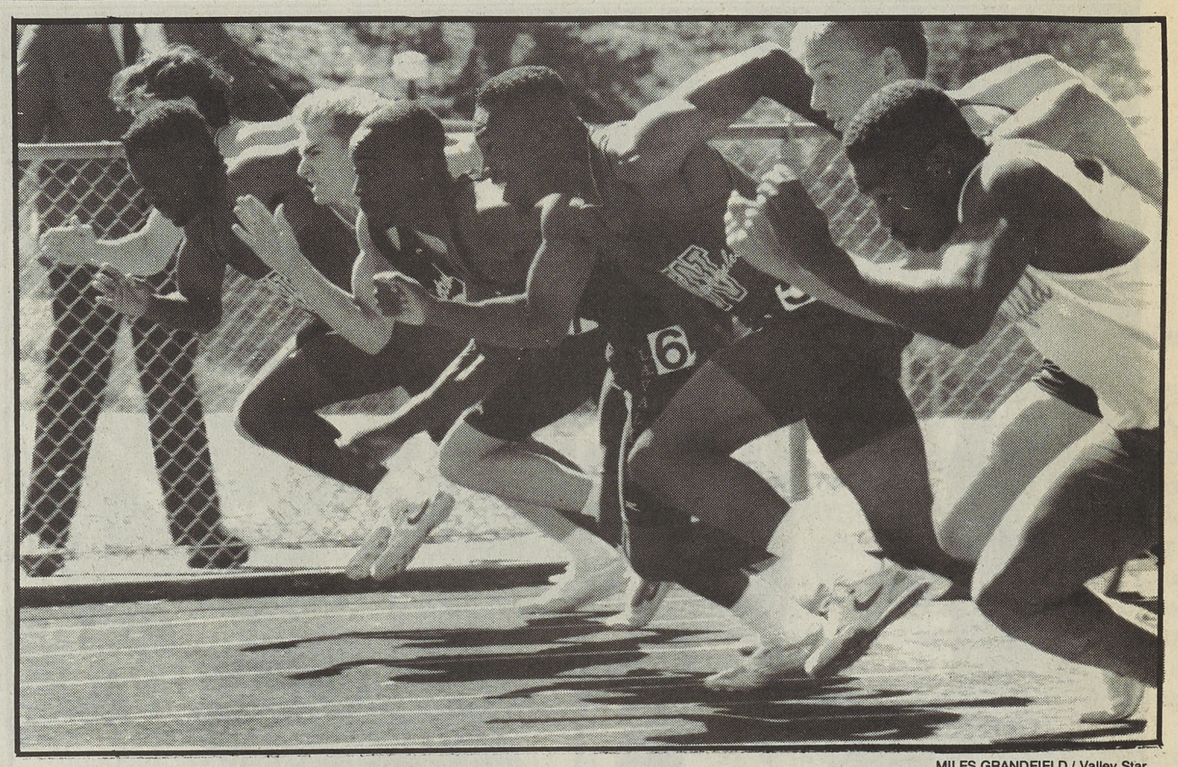
Catcher Doug Rubin lead off the inning with a walk and advanced to second on a wild pitch. Jamie Zeichick laid down a sacrifice bunt which got Rubin to third base.

With one out, Bakersfield was left with the decision to walk Olmos to set up a double play and pitch to Valley's leading hitter, David Stevenson or to pitch to Olmos. They did the latter and paid for it.

Olmos drove a ball off of pitcher Gordon Hegeman over the moved-in right fielder's head that rolled to the fence and scored Rubin to win the game for Valley.

"I felt confident we were going to win because all I had to do was hit the ball to the outfield," Olmos said. "The way we have been playing, I think we're going to win the whole thing."

After today's game against Ventura, Valley finishes the season against Pierce, Cuesta and College of the Canyons. All three teams have winning conference records with COC already having clinched the title.



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And they're off! Reggie Welch, fourth from end, heads for the tape during a qualifying heat of the 100-meter dash. The conference finals will be held at College of the Canyons.

Monarch speed opens door to track finals

By MILES GRANDFIELD
Staff Writer

The Los Angeles Valley College track team, relying heavily on its greatest strength— blazing speed, placed third overall Saturday in the Western States Conference qualifying meet at College of the Canyons in Valencia.

Valley accomplished the feat despite only three entries in field events and no one entered in races over 800 meters.

Sprinters Nicole Rucker, LaTara Hudson, Charisse Phillips and Monique Baxter were qualifiers in the 100 and 200, 200 and 400, 100, and 100 meters, respectively.

Kevin Maxie was the top qualifier in the 200 and 400 meter events and Kyle Beck placed first in the 110m high hurdles, second in the 400-meter intermediate hurdles and, with just one attempt in the long jump, placed third.

Jennifer Stewart continued her domination of the women's javelin and high jump with the meet's best performances in those events.

Coach David Buchanan gave credit to colleagues James Harvey and Richard Hardin and the cooperative effort of the team members for sending so many athletes to this week's WSC regional finals.

"It's gratifying to see these kids put into practice what we've been training for," said Buchanan. "It's difficult not to make mention of outstanding individuals, but you have to give credit to everyone."

Other qualifiers for the finals at College of the Canyons on Saturday are: Ruben Benitez, 400 and 200-meter dash; Jason Gibbs, 110 and 400-meter hurdles; Keyno Alvarez, 800 meters; Delvon Hardaway, 100 meters; Michael Norman, 200 meters; Matt Roderick, 110-meter hurdles; and Randy Fort, 400 meter hurdles.

Buchanan said the lack of representation in field events may change next season. "I have spoken with [head football coach] Jim Fenwick and he expressed an intent to cooperate with the track program next year," Buchanan said.

If that is the case, the Monarchs should be awesome.

Monarchs race to state finals

• *Male swimmers break LAVC records*

By LUCY THOMAS
Staff Writer

Los Angeles Valley College men's swim team had an outstanding meet in the Western States Conference Championships.

LAVC men placed second in the meet with a team score of 537 points. All of our men swimmers had their best times in at least one event.

The best finishes were Ryan Barry in the 200-meter backstroke with a third place (2:01.58) and fourth place in the 100 butterfly (55.0). Wonmeen Jun was third in the 100 backstroke (55.7) and fifth in 200 backstroke (2:05.1). Robert Brown took two fourths in the 100 breaststroke (1:02.2) and 200 breaststroke (2:17.0).

The men's relay teams placed third in the 400 medley (3:42.2) for a new LAVC record (Jun, Brown, Barry and Steve Costales). The 200 medley team (1:41.2) also broke the Monarch record (Jun, Brown, Barry and Chris Imhof).

LAVC qualified in both of these relays as well as Jun in the 100 backstroke and Barry in the 200 backstroke for the State Championships to be held at Harnell College in Salinas on April 29, 30 and May 1.

LAVC women swimmers placed fourth in the Western Conference with a total score of 386. They each had lifetime bests in at least one event.

Lacey Weaver had a great meet as she placed second in the 50 butterfly (29.7) and third in the 100 butterfly (1:06.9). Luzmila Ocon placed seventh in the 200 individual medley (2:26.9) and seventh in the 100 medley (1:07.9).

All the LAVC women breaststrokers made it into the conference finals, Heide Smith sixth (1:24.5), Chris Ann Myers seventh (1:26.7) and Michelle Hult eighth in (1:26.8).

Although none of the Lady Monarch swimmers qualified for the State meet, they had a great Conference meet.

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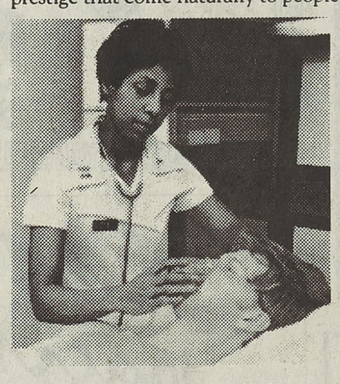

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